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Drier weather is finally on the way

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Following more than 50 days of wet weather, our forecasters are predicting drier conditions across the country later this week.

The change of weather follows particularly wet conditions recently. October was a wet month, November was the wettest on record and December has begun on a similar note — but that looks set to change.

High pressure is expected to build close to the British Isles from Thursday, which will keep rain-bearing weather systems out over the Atlantic Ocean.

Met Office Chief Forecaster, Mike Trigger, said: “Heavy rain or showers have fallen on most days for well over a month. The forecast of drier conditions towards the end of the week should allow river levels to subside. However, the quieter weather means an increased chance of overnight frost and fog.”

Keep up to date with the latest weather forecasts.

How much rain has fallen on average over the last 50 days

Region	Long-term average 18 Oct-6 Dec (1971-2000)	Total rainfall (18 Oct-6 Dec)	Long-term average (18 Oct–6 Dec)
UK	195.0 mm	319.8 mm	164%
England	138.8 mm	245.6 mm	177%
Northern Ireland	185.3 mm	336.0 mm	181%
Scotland	272.3 mm	399.5 mm	147%
Wales	259.5 mm	470.3 mm	181%

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